

I feel that further concentration of mass media ownership in a few hands is one of the greatest threats to democracy in our world today. Please do not allow the ownership of a television station and a newspaper in the same region. The difficulty of obtaining different points of view and the sameness of what is narrowly defined as appropriate news can be demonstrated on any night by flipping between the local or national news shows -- the same stories carried often in the same order by "different" stations which compete only in the matter of their newsreaders' personalities or the quirkiness of their local weather forecaster.

Sincerely,  
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